

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, August 19, 1913.

To the Secretary of State:

As provided in Section 14 of Article 4 of the Constitution of Texas, I transmit herewith, for filing in the office of the Secretary of State, H. B. No. 1, said bill being, "An Act making appropriations to pay salaries of judges, and for the support of the Judicial Department of the State Government for two years, beginning September 1, 1913, and ending August 31, 1915, and declaring an emergency."

Said bill passed the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and was received in the Governor's Office on August 8, 1913, at 4:45 p. m. Said House Bill No. 1 has been signed by me on this date, and the items therein not objected to are approved. I append hereto, to said House Bill No. 1, this statement showing the items to which I object in part and the reasons therefor.

1. Under the head of "Judiciary" the item reading as follows: "Expenses of district judges and district attorneys as allowed by the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature, Chapter 27, including amounts accrued since June 6, 1911, the date said law became effective, \$19,000.00 for the year ending August 31, 1914, and \$19,000.00 for the year ending August 31, 1915," the sum of \$14,000.00 of said item for each year is hereby approved, and the remainder of \$5000.00 is disapproved. The effect of this action is to reduce the appropriation for the purpose named from \$19,000.00 for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915, to \$14,000.00 for each of the fiscal years.

2. The item under the head of "Judiciary" reading as follows: "Expenses of attached witnesses and witness fees and mileage allowed witnesses in felony cases who reside in counties other than the counties in which the cause is being tried, \$180,000.00 for the year ending August 31, 1914, and \$180,000.00 for the year ending August 31, 1915;" of this item \$160,000.00 for each of the fiscal years named is hereby approved. The remainder of said item as appropriated by the Legislature, to-wit: \$20,000.00, for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915, is hereby disapproved.

3. The items under the head of "Judiciary" reading as follows: "Fees and costs for sheriffs, clerks and attorneys in felony cases, \$340,000.00 for the year ending August 31, 1914, and \$340,000.00 for the year ending August 31, 1915." In said items the sum of \$320,000.00 for the year ending August 31, 1914, is hereby approved, and the sum of \$20,000.00 of said item is hereby disapproved. In the item for the year ending August 31, 1915, the sum of \$320,000.00 is hereby approved, and the remainder of the item, \$20,000.00, is disapproved.

Each of the foregoing items are reduced and the amounts named are disapproved because the appropriations in these items have been largely increased over the amounts appropriated for the same purposes by the Thirty-second Legislature, and it is highly desirable that there should be a retrenchment and reduction in expenses on these accounts. Excessive appropriations ought not to be made for the reason that it encourages unnecessary expenditures.

The items which have been reduced as herein referred to have been marked with an X opposite the figures in each year. All of the items in the bill except those reduced as shown above by disapproving of a portion of same, have been approved.

Yours truly,
O. B. COLQUITT,
Governor of Texas.